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Appendix IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No 699 asked by Sri A. Govindasamy at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th March 1959, page 9 supra.]

(*a*) Particulars relating to the number of tractors available for issue to ryots on hire.—

District.	Number of tractors.
North Arcot	10
Chingleput	13
South Arcot	17
Tanjore	17
Tiruchirappalli	13
Madurai	11
Ramanathapuram	14
Tirunelveli	7
Kanyakumari	1
Coimbatore	18
The Nilgiris	11
Salem	10
Total ..	142

(*b*) The actual date of purchase of each tractor is not readily available. However the year of purchase is furnished below :—

Year.	Number of tractors.
1946–47	40
1947–48	28
1948–49	19
1949–50	25
1950–51	1
1951–52	27
1952–53	2
Total ..	142

(*c*) Sixty-seven units are under repairs. The old units have not been replaced for the following reasons :—

1. Inasmuch as the tractor hiring scheme is working uneconomically, it is ordered that the scope of the scheme should be curtailed.

2. Due to revised import policy of Government of India and foreign exchange restrictions, it is found very difficult to procure the units. Further the cost of units have also gone up considerably.

(*d*) No new tractors were purchased recently.

(*e*) Three numbers.